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Reports of recent actions taken by the Animal Liberation Front and other similar groups. All actions have taken place in England unless otherwise stated.

ALF actions in Holland 1977-1983

The Dutch Animal Liberation Front (DBF) carried out its first raid in 1977 with the liberation of hens from an intensive unit in Eindhoven. Since then, regular raids on animal abuse centres have resulted in the rescue of beagles, cats, mink, pheasants and rabbits. Important documentary evidence of cruelty has also been obtained.

Targets range from laboratories, horse events, fur farms and factory farms. On two occasions, reporters with tape recorders were taken on the raids; listeners to a popular radio programme heard glass breaking as cats were rescued from one of Holland's largest laboratories. A later raid on the same lab.('Operation Snoopy') resulted in the rescue of several beagles. A week before Christmas 1982, another radio team accompanied DBF members to two large 'batteries' where rabbits are intensively farmed for meat. A hundred rabbits were rescued. One of the targets included the annual military horse event, which the DBF accused of causing cruelty to horses. They destroyed the fences and received good publicity. More publicity followed a raid where hunting prizes (medals, antlers,etc;) were taken taken as a protest against blood sports. As in England and Scotland, mink and silver foxes have been liberated. In November 1982, five fur farms were attacked in one night and hundreds of silver foxes were carefully sprayed with dye making their fur useless for the fur trade. The farm owners lost a great deal of money and offered a large reward for the names of those responsible - but to date, none of them

have been convicted for this or any other raid. Recently some ponies were rescued from an intensive pig farm where their blood was being used to make drugs to cause sows to produce large litters of piglets. In the third month of the pony's pregnancy, fifty litres of blood is taken, often resulting in spontaneous abortion, and always, of course, severely weakening the animal. Six ponies were rescued but unfortunately, four were later found and returned to the farm. A raid on a laboratory in Utrecht in June 1983 resulted in £1,250,000 worth of damage to equipment including treadmills and water tanks where beagles are forced to run and swim for their lives.

Mid November 1983 Hebden Bridge, West Yorks

Seven ALF activists were convicted of burglary following an attempt to rescue hens from a battery unit. They were each fined £50 with additional costs of about £100. The farmer's van was damaged during the raid to the tune of several hundred pounds, but one of the activists who had been charged with this was acquitted. Any donations towards defence costs should be sent to the ALF Supporters Group.

December 1st 1983 Newcastle.

ALF activists caused more than £500 worth of damage at two Newcastle furrier shops.
They scratched 13 windows with tungsten tipped chisels and daubed 'Fur Kills' and the letters 'A L F ' at Marcus Furs in Northumberland Street and at C & V fur fashions in Grainger Street they scratched windows and stuck locks with glue.

December 4th 1983 Hounslow, Middx.

Members of the ALF painted slogans on a butchers shop. The slogan 'Meat Is Murder' was painted in black on a wall belonging to Bell Butchers in Bell Road.

December 1983 - Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

A youth aged 15 was found guilty by Tunbridge Wells juvenile court of damaging fifteen windows . He was placed under a supervision order and no order for compensation was made. The total damage totalled £3,150.

The windows damaged by the youth included three butchers windows, two fishmongers windows and those at the National Federation of Meat Traders.

The youth was described by the Court as "highly intelligent with an excellent school report". The youth, a vegetarian told the Court "I felt that this was the only way I could make my point".

December 10th 1983 Worthing, West Sussex

ALF slogans were daubed in red and blue paint on two vehicles which were damaged at the Brougham Road premises of Worthing Wholesale Butcher Co.Ltd. A three ton lorry and a two ton van, both used to deliver meat, were covered in slogans such as"Blood money" and "Meat is Murder" and "Animal Liberation". The windscreens of the vehicles were scratched and wipers broken.
More slogans had been painted on the walls and doors of the factory. An anonymous caller claiming to be a representative of the ALF, telephoned the Worthing Gazette to claim responsibility for the raid. "We did it to bring public attention to the atrocities of factory farming" the caller said. "We refuse to accept these people as part of civilised society and believe they should be destroyed rather than carry on destroying the lives of millions of animals" the caller continued. The Brougham Road site was formerly the town's abbatpir the caller also pointed out.

December 12th 1983 Nuneaton, Warks.

Animal Rights protestors caused damage to the new McDonalds hamburger restaurant the night before it was due to open. They used super-glue and broken keys to jam the locks of the new restaurant in Queens Rd. and stickers saying 'Meat Is Murder' were left attached to the doors.

December 12th 1983 Sutton Benger, Wilts.

Two chickens were rescued during an Animal Rights demonstration against an intensive poultry farm.

Mid December 1983 Woodham Ferrers, Essex.

ALF activists raided a turkey farm and caused damage to four lorries by pouring grinding paste into the engines. Some turkeys were also rescued and taken to good homes.

December 14th 1983 South Mimms, Herts.

ALF successfully did about £100,000 worth of damage at the Clare Hall Laboratory. This lab. is due to open in August or September 1984 and is owned by the Imperial Cancer Research Society. One of the scientists admitted to the Press that they were intending to do experiments on animals there and that replacement of the damaged equipment could be "quite expensive". In a phone call to the Potters Bar Press, an anonymous caller said "..We have spent four hours from 1am to 4am in the Clare Hall Cancer Research establishment and have done extensive damage. We cut out a lot of electrical wiring from the power supplies and poured paint over a lot of electrical equipment. We cut open machines and covered them in corrosive fluid and glue ..." When asked if the actions of the ALF were a little extreme, the caller replied"...Experiments on animals have been going on for so long and nothing has been done - besides,we never use violence to people....".

December 17th,1983, Liverpool.

A.L.F. activists broke windows of two butchers shops using a catapult.

17th December Cranbrook, Kent

Members of the ALF caused damage at Owls Castle Farm, Hoghole Lane, Lamberhurst, Kent which breeds calves for export and keeps them in small confined spaces in intensive conditions. Photographs were taken of the interior and sent to the local newspaper. The local radio station was also advised. It is believed this action will increase the feeling in the area which already exists against the Council's permission for the farm to erect another calf-rearing unit.

December 18th 1983 Canewdon, Essex.

Twenty-eight people were arrested after Animal Rights protestors raided a mink farm. About one hundred people from Essex Animal Liberation invaded the farm in Hydeswood Lane. Six mink were freed and damage was caused to a window and a door. It was the first daytime raid at the farm which has been raided on two occasions before at night by the ALF when hundreds of mink were liberated.
The twenty eight arrested were reported for breach of the peace.

December 21st 1983 Cambridge.

ALF activists damaged a car belonging to vivisector W.R. Allen in Huntingdon Rd. Allen works at Cambridge University and recently beat a pony which he was carrying out experiments on so severely that it was in a state of shock and was too rigid to eat or drink twenty four hours later. Allen's car was also damaged by the ALF at the end of November.

December 22nd 1983 - Dade County, Miami, United States of America.

ALF activists attacked six fur shops doing damage and in some cases, doing severe damage and preventing them from opening as usual . The ALF group responsible for this highly successful action issued a statement saying "direct action has been taken to inform the furriers of Dade County and the world that the continuous and useless murdering of furbearing animals , slaughtered for the senseless sake of greedy business and insensitive wearers - who keep this industry alive with their blood money - can no longer be tolerated." Damage to the fur shops included the daubing of "A.L.F." on the shop walls and the jamming of locks.

December 23rd 1983 - Baltimore, Maryland, United States of America.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front raided the Johns Hopkins University and rescued six rats from a psychology department there. The rats were taken to good homes and the Chairman of the department declined to make any comment on the raid.

December 23rd 1983 Dartford, Kent

Locks of Gerbels fur shop were glued up by members of the ALF. This shop has been attacked several times.

December 23rd 1983 Wood Green, North London

ALF activists spray painted Unigate Dairy Depot with slogans "Cows milk for calves" and "Unigate steals milk from calves".

DECEMBER 24th 1983. WISHBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The premises of several butchers were damaged by the A.L.F. when super glue was squeezed into doorlocks at six town centre butchers shops.

Mr John Frost, manager of J.H.Dewhurst Ltd, in High Street, said this was the third attack on his shop during the week before christmas.

'We also had stink bombs and smoke bombs thrown in here before the doors were glued,' he told the Wishbech Standard Newspaper. ' We have some idea who may have done it. On each occasion the same people have been near the shop.'

Baxters and C.L.Cook, in High Street, L.Pattrick & Sons, E.L. Rose & Sons Ltd, in Norfolk Street, and Frank Curtis Ltd, in Norwich Road, were the other butchers to fall victim to the A.L.F.

December 25th 1983 - Harbor, Torrance, Los Angeles, United States of America

Members of the Animal Liberation Front raided the UCLA Medical Centre - Cruel experiments are carried out at this Centre - recently the professor of medicine there implanted an infusion pump inside a dog and this remained in the dog for six months to test a new heart drug. The ALF rescued twelve dogs who were due for experimentation and these were taken to good homes outside the area. The pro-vivisection coalition warned this action "could spark more acts...." Universities and laboratories in the area have now increased their security as the Animal Liberation Front has warned of more raids in the future. The University officials admitted the ALF action could cost the University about £70,000.

December 25th 1983 Highgate Village, North London

ALF activists covered 2 butchers shops and one fur shop with anti-cruelty posters and stickers. The butchers shops also had the locks filled with superglue.

26th December 1983 Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

Members of the ALF successfully glued up the locks of Bejams meat(freezer) shop in Aylesbury.
This was part of the increasing protest against the cruelty involved in rearing and slaughtering animals for food.

26th December 1983 Coventry

Members of the ALF successfully glued up the locks of two Dewhurst butchers shops and a suede/leather shop in Coventry.
These actions were part of the continuing protest against the cruelty involved in the imprisonment and slaughtering of animals for food and clothing - particularly over the Xmas period.

December 29th 1983 London, E.C.1.

ALF activists carried out a raid on K.W.H. retail and wholesale furriers in Old Street.
The main lock was filled with glue(and had to be changed by the owner the following day) and the window was sprayed with red paint.

Late December 1983 Islington, North London

Two butchers shops - L.Bremnar and G.Price - in Holloway Road had their windows broken by ALF activists using a catapult.

December 1983 Worcester

ALF activists attacked two fur shops, striking at the premises of Peter Richards and T.Harrisons in the City Centre.

They stuck an anti-fur poster onto the window of Richards and smashed two windows of Harrisons'. They also painted 'Fur reeks of death' on Harrisons.
An ALF representative said they had carried out the raids to remind Christmas shoppers of the number of animals killed for their fur.

End of December 1983 Bath, Avon.

Animal Rights Activists broke windows of several butchers shops and painted anti-cruelty slogans on a local slaughterhouse. In addition to this, the locks were glued up.

End of December 1983 - Ashtead, Surrey.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front glued up the locks of two butchers shops in Ashtead. The butchers - Chitty's of The Plough and Hammonds' in Barnett Wood Lane were both prevented from opening. For Hammonds', this was not the first attack by ALF activists.

December 30th 1983 Wood Green, North London.

The ALF damaged paintwork of a car belonging to a member of WAGBI (Wildfowlers Association of Great Britain and Ireland). This association supports and promotes the gunning down of wild birds.

JANUARY 2nd 1984. LYME, CHESHIRE.

A.L.F. activists rescued 3 rabbits from Hy-Line Rabbits Ltd, a firm which breeds these animals for vivisection labs.

There have been several A.L.F. raids on this firm in recent months when rabbits have been rescued.

January 4th, 1984, Bexley, Kent

Two butcher's shops had their door locks jammed with super-glue by members of the A.L.F.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Bexley Heath and Welling Observer that the glue had been squirted in the locks during a late night raid.

The caller, from a telephone box, said he was from the Animal Liberation Front and warned that attacks would escalate.

He said they were trying to bring home their message to shoppers that animals had no choice in the way they were treated.

At one of the butcher's shops staff had to climb in through a window and at the otherthe lock had to be completely taken out.

The opening of both shops was delayed.

Early January 1984 - Highgate, London, N6.

Gunshop in Archway Road, Highgate was daubed by ALF activists. "Only Morons shoot animals" was painted across the metal doors in large letters. The shop is situated on a very busy road.

January 5th, 1984. Orpington, Kent.

Three butchers shops in The Walnuts had their locks jammed with super-glue by the A.L.F. The staff at one shop had to break a window before they could get in.

The Animal Liberation Front told the Orpington Times that they were responsible for the attack, which was a protest against cruelty in the meat trade.

They added that the group would be 'very active' in the Orpington area.

Early January, Liverpool.

A.L.F. activists rescued a rabbit from the home of an alcoholic who was ill-treating it.

EARLY JANUARY 1984. STEVENAGE, HERTS.

A.L.F. activists destroyed more than 20 snares and traps which had been set in a wood to catch rabbits and other wild animals.

January 6th 1983 Lea Marston, Nr Coleshill, Warks.

Thirty artic foxes worth £6000 were liberated and £3000 worth of damage was carried out at Cocksparrow Farm - a fox fur farm, near Coleshill by the ALF

About 15 masked raiders carried out their carefully planned attack in the early hours of Friday morning. Mr Singh Gill, the manager of the fur farm was told, when he was confronted by the intruders to stay indoors and he would not be harmed. Telephone wires were cut and motor vehicles, generators and a gassing unit were damaged.

According to the group, the farm can sometimes hold as many as 1800 artic blue and silver foxes which are kept in appalling conditions in tiny wire mesh cages.
Last October, nine people were arrested at a demonstration when fences were torn down, vehicles were damaged and the farmhouse windows were smashed. The ALF plan to take further action if the farm does not close down. The thirty foxes rescued have been found good homes.

Two people have been arrested and charged with criminal damage. Please send donations towards legal costs to the A.L.F. Supporters Group,

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January 8th - Neston, Cheshire.

In a dawn raid a group of ALF activists entered Midmore Poultry Farm and set fire to two lorries after dowsing them with petrol.
Fire engines soon arrived at the scene but were too late to prevent the lorries being written off. The cost of putting the damage right was estimated to be £40,000.
An anonymous caller telephoned a Liverpool radio station to claim responsibility. The farm's methods were called "Intolerably cruel" and that burning the lorries which were used in connection with the poultry business was a protest against intensive rearing.
Poultry at the farm are kept in sheds, and live in closely confined factory farm conditions. They are sent for slaughter after a few weeks.

January 9th, 1984, Liverpool.

A concrete bollard was thrown through the window of a butcher's shop by an A.L.F. activist. Slogans were also painted on the shop.

January 9th 1984 - Nr. Liskeard, Cornwall.

ALF activists rescued three alsations - all breeding bitches, from bad conditions in the shed of the breeder's garden. All three were found good homes.

January 9th 1984 - Bournemouth, Dorset.

ALF activists glued up locks and daubed slogans on five butchers shops, a fishing tackle shop, and a branch of Boots the Chemist.

January 9th - Islington, North London.

ALF activists smashed three windows at Biorex labs., where painful experiments are carried out on animals.

January 10th 1984 - Ayr, Scotland

ALF activists attacked three fur shops, breaking the windows and daubing anti-fur trade slogans on the premises.

January 10th, 1984, Sanderstead, Surrey

Animal Liberation Front members carried out a paint stripper attack on the car of a senior member of staff of Beckenham's Wellcome Research Laboratory, where painful experiments are carried out on animals.

The A.L.F. caused extensive damage to the car belonging to Wellcome's senior safety officer, Dr. John Parke, at his home in the early hours of the morning.

An A.L.F. representative, who contacted the Beckenham Journal, said the attack was in protest at the use of animals in experiments at Wellcome.

Dr. Parke said that the A.L.F. had caused between £100 and £200 worth of damage to his car by pouring paint stripper over the tail-gate roof.

He said that the attack was not entirely unexpected because others of his collegues had experienced similar trouble.

Therehave been about a dozen attacks by the A.L.F. on the property of scientists working at Wellcome.

January 14th, 1984, Liverpool.

The windows of five butcher's shops were broken by A.L.F. activists with a catapult.

January 17th - Broxbourne, Herts.

In the early hours of the morning, a group of ALF activists broke into Nazebourne Poultry Farm, Lower Nazeing Road, near Broxbourne.
They broke into a number of sheds; the first containing empty battery cages to which they caused extensive damage. The remaining sheds contained some expensive tools and machinery. The machinery was sabotaged and the tools were taken for use in future raids as well as causing financial problems for the farmer.

January 18th 1984 - Newington Green, London

ALF activists broke window of Smithfield Provision Ltd - this butchers shop was damaged in protest against the use and killing of animals for food.

January 21st 1984 - Bow, East London.

ALF activists carried out a raid on Epping Meats Ltd., a slaughterhouse which carries out cruel ritual slaughter for the Halal Meat trade.
Two meat transport lorries were destroyed by fire.

January 23rd, 1984, Halewood, Liverpool.

A.L.F. group rescued three hens from cages at Highfield Egg Farm.

January 23rd 1984 - Wood Green, London

Fifteen ALF activists discreetly converged on the 'Pet department' in Wood Green shopping centre. The action included a well co-ordinated plan to distract attention away from the activists who liberated two chinchillas (worth £50 each) from their bare cages which were only slightly bigger than the chinchillas themselves. The raid took place while the shop was open. The ALF group responsible for this successful action promised actions of this type would continue until the public realised the cruelty involved in the 'pet' trade.

January 24th 1984, Putney, London.

Members of the A.L.F. threw paint at the Putney home of junior Home Office Minister David Mellor and slogans 'Animal Blood' and 'White Paper out' were daubed on the walls. This was a protest against Mellor's promotion of the Government White Paper on animal experiments which makes the situation worse for laboratory animals.

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